Finds inaccuracies in Meachum's column

Inaccuracies in Mr. Meachum's Feb. 24 editorial on Human Rights were glaring.

Although Secretary of State George Shultz has been to Moscow, there has been no agreement regarding emigration for Soviet Jews. This is indeed wishful thinking. Emigration in the past has always related directly to the warm or cool relationship between the superpowers.

Stating that Israel is the principal agent for human, suffering reveals a sparce understanding of the history of the region. Criticizing Israel after watching selective footage on the nightly news is easy.

Pictures of the riot quelling are never pretty whether it be Frederick, Washington or Hebron. The present loss of Arab lives is tragic. Being attacked by rocks, knives and Molotov cocktails does present problems. Unfortunately, rubber bullets and tear gas are not always effective. Perhaps Israel should be flattered that it is held to a higher standard than other democracies.

Jews, Muslims and Christians of the State of Israel are equal before the law. The Arab citizens of Israel are the only Arabs of the Middle East who can freely vote and enjoy freedom of movement, speech and assembly.

Mr. Meachum states "there can be no peace as long as people are deprived of their dignity." This is certainly true. However, if the Israeli neighbors refuse to sit down at a table with Israel and stone throwing continues, peace and dignity are but a dream.

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